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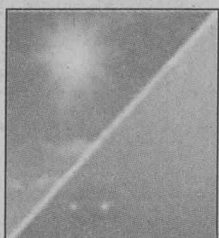
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Greensboro Mayor Keith Holliday shakes hands with Karinda Renick, the daughter of Peggy and James C. Renick, during the ceremony.

Education building named after Renick

BY MICHELE MATTHEWS
Contributor

This year A&T's celebration of American Education Week set the stage for the long anticipated groundbreaking ceremony at the site of the future James C. Renick School of Education Building.

On Nov. 8, students, faculty, staff, alumni and supporters gathered at the site of the new educa-

tion building on the corner of Bluford and Daniel streets for the groundbreaking ceremony.

The ceremony, held to honor Chancellor Renick and his accomplishments, was facilitated by the students and administrators of the School of Education. The event was hosted by Kelly Gadsden, a senior special education major and the president of Kappa Delta Pi Education Honor Society.

"I was shocked and privileged that my name even came up to preside over such an exciting and just big event for the school of education and also for Chancellor James Renick. I was just happy that I was chosen to preside," Gadsden said.

Guest speakers at the groundbreaking included Carolyn Meyers, the university provost, Velma Speight Buford, the chair of the Board of Trustees, Leila Vickers,

the dean of the school of education, and Phillip Freelon, an architect and the president of the Freelon Group.

The Freelon Group is the architectural firm in charge of constructing this facility and has built others such as Smith Hall, the General Classroom Building, and the new science building.

Freelon said that he feels like

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Bush's presence influences votes for state and local offices

BY STEPHEN THOMMA
KRT

WASHINGTON—Love him or hate him, but don't read too much about President Bush into Tuesday's elections.

Though Bush's name isn't on any ballots, partisans and pundits will use Tuesday's voting in select states to measure whether voters are turning thumbs up or down on him.

But only one election Tuesday, the race for mayor in St. Paul,

Minn., offered a clear referendum on Bush. Elections for governors in Virginia and New Jersey, as well as ballot initiatives in California and other states, hinged on local personalities and issues, not Bush. In Virginia, Democratic Lt. Gov. Tim Kaine was declared the winner over Republican Jerry Kilgore.

In New Jersey, Democratic Sen. Jon Corzine was declared the winner over Republican Douglas Forrester. And in St. Paul, challenger Chris Coleman defeated Democratic Mayor Randy Kelly.

The St. Paul mayor's race turned

on how voters reacted to Kelly's endorsement last year of Republican Bush in his presidential re-election. St. Paul voted for Democrat John Kerry by a ratio of 3-1.

Kelly's heavily Democratic city didn't like Bush then, doesn't like him now and was eager to throw Kelly out because of it. Earlier, polls had showed him trailing by more than 30 points.

"Bush is THE factor in the race," said Larry Jacobs, director of the University of Minnesota's Center for the Study of Politics and

Governance.

In Virginia, by contrast, the election for governor was more a referendum on popular retiring Democratic Gov. Mark Warner than on Bush. Warner, a potential 2008 presidential candidate, was barred by the state constitution from seeking re-election. Democrats had hoped that his 70 percent approval rating would rub off on Kaine, who based his campaign on a pledge to continue Warner's approach to governing.

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Substance found in Muddy Creek



PHOTO BY STANCHEKA BOONE

The red substance in the water in Muddy Creek is diesel fuel, officials say.

ERICA FRANKLIN
Editor in Chief

Students and members of the community continued to walk along the sidewalk near Riverwalk Apartments on Nov. 7 at 3 p.m. despite the strong smell of fumes.

Firemen and police officers blocked off the corner of Lindsay and Sullivan Streets due to an unknown substance in Muddy Creek, which is a portion of Buffalo Creek.

A statement given by Andrew Small, the director of Environmental Health & Safety for the university, said that the University Police Department reported that there was a red "contamination" in the stream which flows along the West side of the Laurel Street parking lot.

Phil Blue, the captain of the Greensboro Fire Department said that there was no warning for people not to be around the creek on Monday.

"What we've done is taken some samples; we got 89 percent of it being a certain chemical," Blue said.

"Everybody seems to think it's diesel fuel. We'll probably end up building a dam and an industrial hygienist will have to help come and clean it up," he said.

Yesterday, the substance was identified.

Keith McDowell, an environmentalist from Shamrock Environmental Corporation, was on the scene. McDowell said that the substance is in fact diesel fuel.

A coordinated effort of Greensboro Fire Department, City

of Greensboro Storm Water Management, University Police and EHS determined that though the petroleum-based flowed beneath the University campus, it did not originate on campus, Small said in his statement.

When asked if he knew where the substance came from, McDowell replied, "Yeah, a diesel fuel tank over at the old post office." The old post office is located on Market Street across from the Hayes-Taylor YMCA.

He said that it is going to take a while to clean up the spill.

"We recovered 2,000 gallons last night. You looking at probably 6,000 gallons in the creek (now)," he said.

McDowell said that the diesel fuel is not harmful.

"It ain't going to hurt as far as walking back and forth or nothing," McDowell said. "It's not flammable."

However, officials have found dead fish.

Small's statement gave a brief explanation of how the fuel got into the creek.

"The material flowed into a storm drain and crossed under Market Street to travel inside a culvert which passes beneath a significant portion of main campus. The water from the culvert emerges into the streambed behind Brown Hall and continues northeast until it crosses beneath Lindsay Street," Small said.

Although Lindsay and Sullivan Streets are not blocked off any longer, students need to take caution when driving.

SGA holds health and safety conference

BY JENNIFER BRANCH
Contributor

From Nov. 1-5, the Student Government Association (SGA) along with the Division of Student Affairs sponsored the Health and Safety Conference. This year's theme was "The Silence is DEATHing".

According to the conference brochure, the purpose of this conference is to enlighten students about various safety and health

issues that plague our campus and the surrounding community.

The week's programs started with "For Mature Audiences Only: HPV U GOT IT!"

About 30 Aggies attended to the program to hear about human papillomavirus, better known as HPV.

Megan Brooks, the vice president of external affairs, said that the topic of the night was HPV "because it is a disease that's just as prevalent and serious as any other STD, but it has never been dis-

cussed.

"It poses a deeper threat because you can get it with or without protection and it's flooding collegiate communities," she said.

The speaker for the program was Wilhemenia Crowder, a HIV educator from the Sickle Cell Disease Association of the Piedmont. Crowder received a community health education degree from East Carolina University.

Crowder opened the program with a game. The audience had to write their names on the back of

three small pieces of paper. When she said "switch", each member of the audience had to give their piece of paper to another person. This was done three times.

When the switch was over, each person had three different names, which represented the people each person had sex with. At the end, everyone in the audience had "caught" HPV.

"The purpose of the game was to prove how fast HPV can travel through men and women," Crowder said.

She explained that HPV is seen more in females, but men can contract it too. There are over 100 types of HPV but the most common type is genital warts. The incubation time, which is the amount of time you may see symptoms, is three weeks to nine months.

For an even greater effect, Crowder displayed pictures of genital warts to the audience. The reaction was of shock and disgust. One audience member covered his face because the pictures were so graph-

ic.

The night ended with a gift presentation for the speaker and refreshments.

"I thought it went well," said Dominique Tillman, the attorney general of the SGA. "It was very informative and it's an STD that may not be well known but is very serious. I didn't know about it."

Audience members also gave positive reviews of the program.

Natalie Owishiri, a freshman journalism and mass communica-

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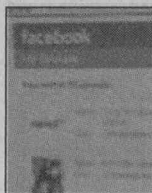
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Rapper arrested at Four Seasons Town Centre

BY KASSIDY JOHNSON
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Hip hop artist Game was arrested on Oct. 29 at the Four Seasons Town Centre.

A Greensboro Police Department report said that the artist and his entourage were creating disorderly conduct in the mall, disturbing both shoppers and shopkeepers.

David Huesser, the general manager at Four Seasons Town Centre said that he could not respond about the incident.

Yet, Huesser did say that mall security responded to an incident and the Greensboro Police Department was already on the scene. However, the Greensboro Event Report from the Greensboro Police Department said that mall security made a call to the police department at 4:41 p.m.

It was said that Game, also known as Jayceon Taylor, was swearing loudly and refused to leave when asked. When police officers arrived, Game continued and was arrested, a police statement said.

He was charged with disorderly conduct and resisting arrest.

A different story is being told on the other side of the spectrum.

"I got arrested for signing autographs," the 25-year-old artist told

WFMY-TV after he was released on \$500 bail. "Signing a little girl's autograph got me arrested."

Witnesses to the arrests are saying that the group was physically assaulted and harassed by Greensboro police officers.

The incident began in front of the Dillard's department store. Allegedly, a consumer of the mall told the rapper that he wasn't a good rapper and that his lyrical content was "wack."

Game, who was wearing a Halloween mask, did not respond to the comments, though it is said that some of his entourage did.

As the group began to leave the mall, choosing the mall exit in between a Mr. Dunderbak's restaurant and Vogue Collections, mall security caught up with the group.

"I don't think it's right the way they approached them," said Spencer Drummond, Jr., a clerk at one of the cell phone kiosks in front of the Belk department store.

"The mall security came from behind the group and yelled, 'Hey, hey, stop,'" Drummond said. "The police actually made the scene."

Jeremiah Kirkland, a freshman at A&T and employee at a mobile phone kiosk at Four Seasons Mall agreed.

Page Urrows, the manager of the Mr. Dunderbak's restaurant was also on the scene during the alter-

cation.

"There was such a big crowd, so it was hard to see," she said.

Urrows said that one of the customers in the restaurant recorded footage of the incident on her camera phone through the window of the restaurant.

She said that police officers were making all of these demands and the crowd kept getting bigger.

"I think they were trying to get them to leave the scene because they were causing a bit of a riot," Urrows said.

An officer asked the rapper to take off the Halloween mask, but Game refused.

"One of the members of the entourage put his hand out and said, 'We aren't doing anything; We're about to leave the mall,'" said a clerk at Vogue Collections.

When the entourage member touched the officer, the officer began to spray him with mace.

"That's when they put Game on the ground to get him in handcuffs," Kirkland said.

Members of the Greensboro Police Department and mall security escorted Game and his entourage off of the premises.

Lt. C. Shane Hill is in charge of mall security at the Four Seasons Town Centre.

"When artists come into town, they normally call me," Hill said.

Other celebrities have visited Four Seasons Town Centre.

"Outkast and Sleepy Brown was here two weeks ago and everything (was fine)," Hill said.

The footage captured by mall security has the incident from start to finish.

Hill said that the videotape is being supplied to the Greensboro Police Department and the Greensboro district attorney as evidence.

The mall security videotape was not the video footage portrayed on channel 2's, 5 o'clock News.

The rift at the Four Seasons Town Centre isn't surprising to some people.

Rictor Craig, an A&T alumnus, said that Four Seasons Town Centre always has an issue with ethnic shoppers.

"It isn't a secret. Mall security follows A&T students and black students, period a little more closely," he said.

Mall General Manager Huesser disagreed.

"We have a courtesy code, and everyone that obeys the courtesy code we don't have a problem with," Huesser said.

He said that anyone is welcome on the property.

"(Game) has not been banned from the property," he said.

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apart of the Aggie family because of his firm's longstanding, working relationship with A&T.

"(I feel as though) I am an honorary Aggie," Freelon said.

All of the guest speakers had positive things to say about Chancellor Renick and the impact he has made on the university over the past six years. They made special reference to his support of the improvement efforts made by the leaders of the school of education.

"(We are here to celebrate) the priority and commitment Chancellor Renick has made to the teacher education program at North Carolina A&T," Vickers said. "At the local, state and national level, Chancellor Renick has been very supportive of teacher education, so it's in this context that we dubbed him education chancellor."

In his acknowledgements, the chancellor conveyed his pride and faith in A&T as a long standing institution.

"I am so honored to be a part of, a small part of, this institution that is 114 years old. And as corporations come and go and as institutions come and go, one thing you can bet your money on (is that) North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University is going to be here in perpetuity," Renick said.

He appeared humbled by the honor and expressed his love for, commitment and thanks to A&T.

"After encountering our graduates, our students, our faculty and staff, and Greensboro, N.C., I have been caught up in a love affair for the past six and a half, seven years that is incomparable," Renick said. "This, today, the naming of this structure after me really represents a multi-generational commitment to ensuring that we continue to be an educated society... Inside of this building, that kind of work is going to take place."

Renick's sentiments were echoed by others in attendance throughout the presentation. In his speech, the former chair of the board of trustees, Gerald Truesdale also championed the idea of an increased commitment to education. Truesdale suggested that the construction of the new education building is not only indicative of the chancellor's commitment, but of the nationwide effort to support education initiatives.

"Education is at the forefront of this country and unless we support education we will lag behind," Truesdale said.

There was a strong presence of members of the teacher's education program at the event. This indicated that the occasion also marked the growth and improvement of the standards set for students and graduates of the school of education. It was a celebration of the hard work of the school's faculty and their efforts to ascertain a technologically compatible facility for their students.

"The initiative to construct this facility was prompted by a need for a larger facility to accommodate the enrollment in the school of education and to have a facility that would accommodate technology...At this time, the wiring, the electrical wiring in this building

(Hodgin Hall) cannot accommodate the use of technology meaning all the computers, copiers, scanners, etc. cannot be accommodated," Vickers said.

According to Vickers, the administration of the school of education, the members of the Board of Trustees and Renick have worked for two years to secure the necessary funds to move forward with construction of the new education facility.

"We have been in the planning stages (for this project) for approximately two years. We had to identify the funds and then the building had to be designed," Vickers said. "The funds (for this project) are going to come from Title 3, which is a federal funded initiative for historical black colleges and universities, and then from funds left over from the bond initiative...approximately \$14 million."

Construction on the James C. Renick School of Education Building is scheduled to begin in the coming weeks. The building will be three stories in height and house 12 classrooms, 21 conference rooms, and 81 faculty offices.

There will be a small parking lot and it will share a parking lot with Webb Hall. The building will be ready for occupancy in the spring of 2007.

Though construction of the facility is Freelon's responsibility, the task of naming it was left to the Board of Trustees.

According to Vickers, the process by which Renick was selected as the honoree began with his name being submitted to the Board of Trustees. The members of the board then considered his contributions to the university and his support of teacher education. Based on those criteria, they decided to dedicate the new education building to Renick.

"I was overwhelmed (when informed about the board of trustees' decision). I'm an educator and you get into this kind of work because you're passionate about what you are doing...When you start out as a teacher, you never think of someone recognizing you like this, so it's overwhelming," Renick said.

James C. Renick's Accomplishments

- Received his Bachelor of Arts degree from Central State University in Ohio.
- Earned his Master of Social Work degree from Kansas University.
- Received Ph.D. in public administration from Florida State University
- Serves on numerous national boards and foundations such as:
 - Presidential Board of Advisors on HBCUs
 - N.C. Board of Science and Technology
 - Educational Testing Services Advisory Board
 - JSTOR Board of Trustees, the Jacob Lawrence Foundation
 - Honorary Education Council of the National Minority Military Museum Foundation
 - Parren J. Mitchell Foundation
- Dr. Renick has engaged the campus in a unique strategic visioning process that builds on its comparative advantages as the number one producer of black engineers and technologists in the world, a first-rate business school and a rich civil rights legacy.

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Republican candidate Kilgore, a former attorney general, had attacked Kaine as soft on the death penalty, but polls suggested that Kilgore's tough attacks backfired and turned off many voters.

Kilgore shunned Bush during the president's Oct. 28 visit to the conservative state, which went for Bush by 9 points last year but has cooled to him lately. However, trailing in election-eve polls, Kilgore joined Bush at a Richmond, Va., airport rally Monday evening in hope of rousing Republican turnout.

Independent pollster Brad Coker said Kilgore, not Bush, was to blame for Kilgore's weak standing on election eve. And he cautioned against reading any national trend into Virginia voting.

The party controlling the White House has lost every Virginia governor's race since 1977, when a Republican won the year after Jimmy Carter took the White House. Republicans won the presidency in 1980, lost the Virginia governor's mansion in 1981, won the White House again in 1984 and lost the Virginia governor's mansion in 1985.

Democrats won the White House in 1992, lost Virginia in 1993, won the White House again in 1996 and lost Virginia again in 1997. They won again with Warner in 2001, even though Bush was then at the height of his post-Sept. 11 popularity.

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tions major, felt that the speaker was very prepared on how she delivered the message and said that the program was very realistic because the speaker showed the "nasty" pictures.

"(The program) allowed me to understand the severity of HPV," David Rose, a sophomore architectural engineering major said. "It is easily spread and abstinence is the key."

The second day of the conference consisted of programs that dealt with relaxation and healing techniques like Yoga and Tai Chi.

The third day of the conference had programs that focused on emotional, physical and sexual health.

"Security, Security...Code U: Identity Theft" was a program that informed the audience about the dangers of identity theft and how to prevent it from happening. The speaker of the program was Agent David Pendleton of the U.S. Capitol Police Department.

At the start of the program, Pendleton gave the audience his cell phone number just in case someone's identity was stolen and needed someone to help them.

He gave examples throughout the program of how to prevent identity theft. One example was not to use the last four digits of your phone number or your mother's maiden name as a password.

Lunch was held after the pro-

gram.

A small group of Aggies gathered together for "Abstinence Makes the Heart Grow Fonder." The speakers for the program were Regina Middlebrooks of the Seeds of Promise Community Outreach Ministry out of Richmond, Va. and Elder Walter Johnson from Salisbury, N.C.

The round-table discussion talked about the importance of abstinence and how sex is not just a physical act but also an emotional and mental act. The participants voiced their opinions about how they view abstinence.

The speakers also proved how being abstinent in today's society is difficult because of the media and how it uses sex to sell. They also showed Nelly's "Tip Drill" music video to prove their point.

Friday night, students packed the Memorial Student Union Exhibit Hall to watch "Sex Signals," a two person show that explored how mixed messages, gender role stereotypes and unrealistic fantasies contribute to misunderstandings between the sexes.

The two actors, Kelly Hayes and Ben Murray, are part of the Sex Signals troupe from Washington, D.C. that travels in pairs and present impromptu plays on rape, sex, dating, homosexuality and sexually transmitted diseases and how to deal with the situation.

Weekly Update

Nov. 9

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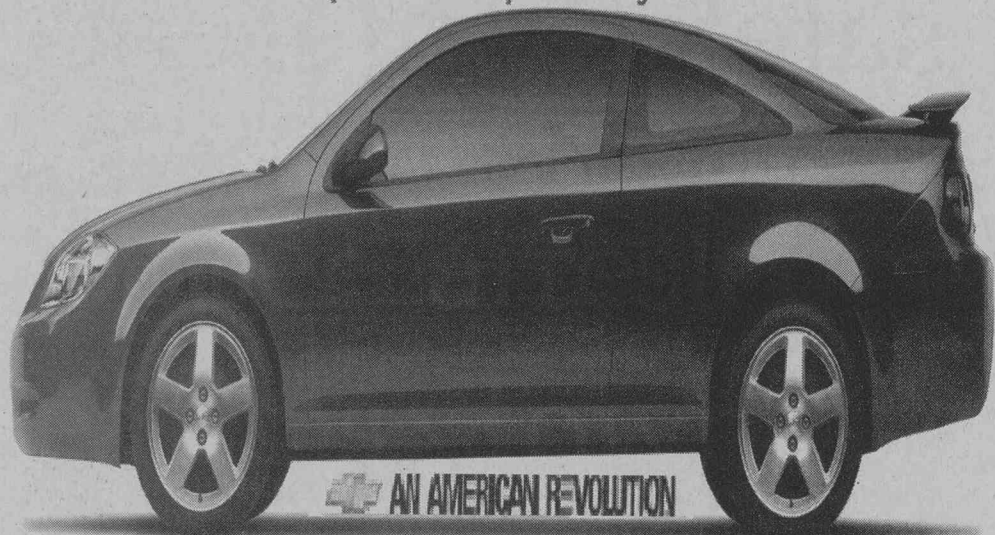
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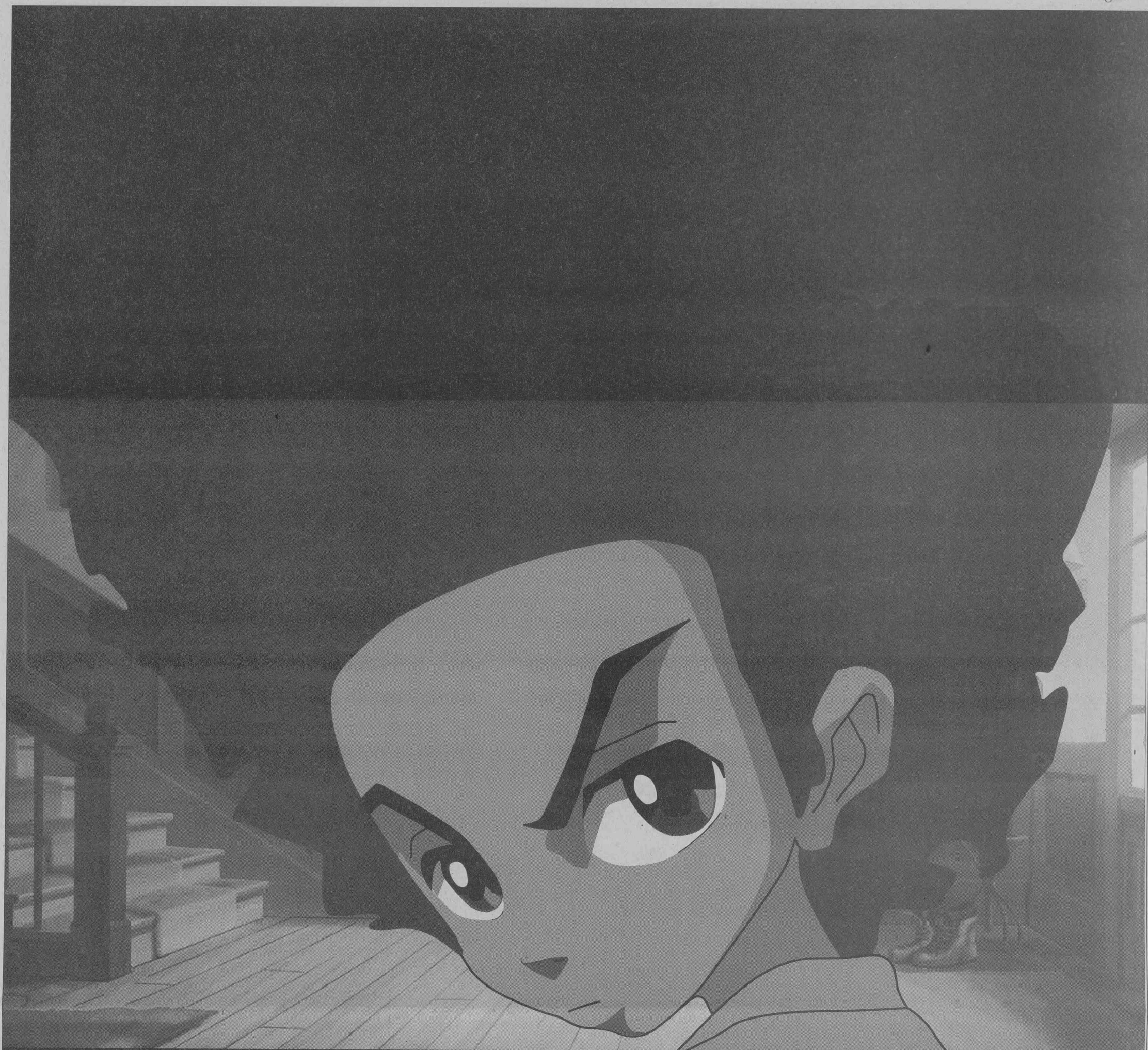
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Howard U. President Patrick Swygert walked among the student protesters, asking them to follow him.

Howard U. students protest Bush's visit

Police block off areas on campus during White House session

By RUTH TISDALE
Black College Wire

David McDuffie, a Howard University student, couldn't take it anymore. Fed up with having to use back doors and side doors and frustrated by not knowing why his campus was taken over by the Secret Service, McDuffie and others were determined to take back the campus they felt had been stolen from them.

Linked-arm in arm, McDuffie and 50 others marched 100 yards from Howard's administration building to the gate near Rankin Chapel and demanded to be let on the Yard.

"They made me feel as if I didn't have a right to be here," said McDuffie, a senior marketing major. "We have a group of students here and we are taking a stance."

Although campus police pushed him down and forced his signs out of his hands, McDuffie found his way to the flagpole and the Oct. 27 protest began.

What started as a demonstration of 50 students standing around the flagpole in the coldness of fall ended with a protest lasting five hours, with more than 200 students demanding that first lady Laura Bush leave Howard.

The first lady was on campus with 500 others to conduct a session of the White House Conference on Helping America's Youth. Howard officials called the conference a great success and said the first lady stayed an extra 20 minutes because of the vast amount of information being provided.

Some students who walked to classes early in the day were surprised to see parts of the campus blocked off, as well as notices that Blackburn Center, site of the conference, would be closed the entire day.

"It's an inconvenience. They should have told us ahead of time," said Monica Nelson, a junior psychology major. "It doesn't make any sense to not have said anything, and now that we're inconvenienced," the university "can't do anything about it."

Students who were able to make it to classes grew discontented as security tightened. One situation became particularly tense when a group of about 100 students were held in Locke Hall, which contains offices and classrooms, for about half an hour as the first lady and President Bush arrived. "People have things to do," said Grace Maupin, a freshman business management major. "I have to go to work. I can't tell my manager that I was locked in the school."

Students began organizing a protest. "How do you use our facilities and not invite us?" asked April Jones, a senior communications major. "We are protesting that and the Bush administration."

As students broke the campus police barrier, protest organizers were telling students that silence would get the attention of administrators more than speaking would. "There is power in silence," said Radiance Salem, a protest organizer. "This march isn't about voicing one particular view, but about everyone joining in representing their own views. We don't want to attract people, but people can come to the flagpole and stand for what they believe in."

Hassan Minor, senior vice president of the university and the person responsible for the event, told those gathered that lack of space was one of the reasons they were not included in the conference.

"They wanted to have 700 people here, but the ballroom just couldn't hold that many," Minor said, adding that Cramton Auditorium had been open to students to view the conference, but only five people showed.

Minor also said the reasoning behind the closures and the rerouting of students was the Secret Service's need to protect the first lady.

"They wanted to close the whole campus, but we didn't agree to that," Minor said. "Unfortunately, we live in a post 9/11 world where they have to make decisions at the last minute."

As the crowd grew larger and larger, Tony Medina, an English professor, spoke, and in a profanity-filled speech told the group they needed to organize to get Howard to listen to some of their demands. "You don't think that war in Iraq is going raise your tuition?" Medina said. "We all need to mobilize and say that we are not going to pay tuition until they meet our demands."

As more and more joined the protest, the silence broke as students, linked arm in arm, shouted "Back door, no more" and circled around the campus before stopping a few feet away from the motorcade that carried the first lady.

Tensions rose as administration officials began telling students to back up 5 feet. The crowd vehemently cried no. "I don't care if you protest, but I am interested in your safety," Franklin Chambers, vice provost of student affairs, said. "I am not worried about you going to jail, I am worried about what else they will do if they feel that the first lady is threatened," he said, speaking of the Secret Service.

Even with the arrival of Howard President H. Patrick Swygert, students still refused to leave. Swygert pleaded with the group to follow him to the flagpole, where security officials said students were allowed to protest. Swygert began walking into the midst of students, telling them to follow him.

At one point, he stopped in front of a student and said, "follow me." "These people who would put you in harm's are not looking out for your interests," Swygert said, clutching the student's arm. The student, who wished not to be identified, stood firm and began to cry.

"He doesn't know me," she said. "He doesn't know what I've been through or what my family has been through. He doesn't know why I have to stand here."

Standing on the front lines of the protest, Amanda Lewis, a Howard alumna and graduate student, said she was there because of her father, who is in the military.

"It was because of racism that he is getting shipped off to Iraq in January 2006," Lewis told the crowd without further explanation. "I am here to tell them that they don't own him and they don't own me."

Though angry with the president and first lady over many issues, students said they were equally upset with university officials for allowing the visit to take place on Howard's campus.

"It amazes me how far we have gotten away from the spirit of activism at this university. Instead of acknowledging the wrong, we whip out our new china and fresh suits to accommodate our guest," said Whitney Boggs, a junior broadcast journalism major. "They did right not telling us, but as I was always taught, everything that is done in darkness will surely come to the light."

As tensions grew over the closeness of the protest to the Blackburn Center, Howard officials repeatedly tried to find compromises to rectify the problem, suggesting that the protest be moved back to the flagpole.

As it became clear that students would not move from the protest line that they had formed, Chambers told the front line to link arms and prevent others from rushing toward the motorcade.

So linked, protesters swayed to the sounds of "Lift Ev'ry Voice and Sing" and "This Little Light of Mine."

Temperatures dropped a few more degrees as the final song, "Ain't Gonna Let Nobody Turn Me Around," rang in the air as the motorcade carrying the first lady left the university.

Swygert said he was proud of the way the students exercised their First Amendment rights.

"This is a teaching moment for all of us," he said. "I hope we come out of this a stronger University."

Ruth L. Tisdale, a student at Howard University, is editor-in-chief of the Hilltop. Hilltop staff members contributed to this report.

Protesters take on La. State University's confederate-style flag

By A.J. GRIFFITH
Black College Wire

Some 200 protesters demonstrated before a Louisiana State University football game against the purple-and-gold Confederate-style flags flown during sporting events.

"We see those flags as weapons of mass division on this campus and we take the issue very seriously," said Alicia Calvin, LSU chapter president of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and one of the protest organizers. "This flag is obscene because African Americans have been terrorized throughout history by it. Anything deemed offensive can be banned from our institution."

The protest took place Oct. 22 before an LSU-Auburn University game. Calvin said the flag, displayed by many LSU supporters, has been viewed by the school's black students as a symbol of bigotry.

Collins Phillips III, another organizer and member of the student government association, said the purple-and-gold flag was placed outside LSU's African-American Cultural Center as the students met inside to mobilize for the protest. As the students prepared to leave to begin the march, police told them they would be arrested if they marched into the streets.

"I told them that we were going to still have the march," Phillips said. "I said they could arrest me right then and I would take full responsibility."

Phillips said a campus administrator told the protesters they could proceed if they walked in groups of 20.

Escorted by as many as 20 state troopers, the protesters walked through the masses of tailgaters. Signs with such slogans as, "LSU DIVERSITY" and "ESPN-Everyone Stop Promoting Negativity" were held as students came face to face with onlookers who jeered and shouted insults and racial slurs, said witnesses.

"While we were chanting 'Ban the flag,' and 'Don't play,' some of the tailgaters were yelling 'LSU,' and 'Go to Southern if you don't like it,'" Calvin said. "Some of them were even acting like monkeys and saying things like, 'Go back to Africa!'"

Kenneth Reynolds, a protester and a senior physical education major from Slidell, La., said some spectators grew rowdy while watching the demonstration.

"We had onlookers yelling, screaming, cursing," he said. Some protesters "were elbowed and doused with beer and water," he said.

Reynolds said none reciprocated

with violence.

"No retaliation was taken because we figured that would hurt the movement more than it would have helped," Reynolds said.

Phillips said the group's intent was to march two days later to LSU Chancellor Sean O'Keefe's office so its grievances could be heard.

Two hundred students did gather in front of the LSU Student Union on the morning of Oct. 24.

"Saturday's march was meant to get the word out and let everybody know that we want the purple and gold flag taken down," Phillips said.

According to Calvin, the Oct. 24 march to the Chancellor Sean O'Keefe's office was organized to draw attention to other issues as well.

"We are addressing things like the underfunding of African American events on campus, the lack of African American-tenured professors at LSU, as well as the Confederate flag being in LSU colors," Calvin said.

The students also wanted to use the march to magnify what they felt was a lack of attention to vandalism of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity house. The only black fraternity house on campus, it was spray painted with the letters "KA."

"The purpose of Monday's protest was to send a wake-up call to the chancellor, who was not at the other protest," Reynolds said. "The question we, the students, wanted him to answer was, 'Why weren't you there? Do you care?'"

According to Phillips, O'Keefe came out and met with the protesters when they reached his office. Standing next to Phillips, O'Keefe said the Confederate flag was offensive. However, he went on to say that he "cannot and will not ban anything" because of the First Amendment right of free speech, a position O'Keefe explains on his Web site. O'Keefe said he would continue to publicly condemn the flag and make clear the university does not support it, Phillips said.

Another march was being planned, Calvin said.

"There'll be another one and another one until something is done," she said. "We need people to write letters to legislators and be on our side."

Calvin also made a plea to Southern University students for assistance. "We gathered lots of support from SU during Homecoming," Calvin said. "No matter what school we attend - be it LSU or SU - at the end of the day, we are still African Americans. What affects us affects you as well."

A.J. Griffith, a student at Southern University, writes for the Southern Digest.

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Mother proves to be unbeatable politician

BY KIM BARKER
KRT

HERAT, Afghanistan — Fauzia Gailani is an unlikely election winner in this conservative, western city: an aerobics instructor, a mother of six, and, most obviously, a woman.

But somehow, Gailani won 16,885 votes in the recent parliamentary race, more than any other candidate in Herat province and more than any other woman in Afghanistan. Only 20 men nationwide won more votes than Gailani. Her campaign posters hang in people's living rooms and stores. Women talk about how she has helped them lose weight and how she's better than any man. Men talk about her as if she's a sex symbol.

"I love her," said Nazer Ahmad, a police officer who voted for Gailani.

Her victory is all the more shocking because it happened in Herat, the province where the one-time conservative governor oppressed women almost as much as the Taliban he replaced. It's just one sign of how life has changed for women since strongman Ismail Khan was removed as provincial governor in September 2004.

Under Khan, it was rare to see a woman on the streets of Herat, even in a burqa. Now women shop in the markets. Although many still are in burqas, some wear the Iranian-style chador, which cloaks a woman in black but shows her face. Women work in some shops. A few women even have a driver's license.

"During the Taliban and Ismail Khan, life was pretty bad," said Sadiqa Mohsini, wearing a chador and shopping in a busy market area. "We couldn't go out. We didn't have any freedom."

Not everything has changed. Women still set themselves on fire to protest unwanted marriages. Although some women have driver's licenses, they rarely drive. One woman in a burqa chastised another for wearing only a head scarf.

"In this country, all the women should wear burqas," said Mallika Rauf as she shopped for another burqa.

The win by Gailani, who often wears just a head scarf, has larger significance than just for Herat. For many, women such as Gailani, with no ties to the country's brutal past, are the bright spot in the new parliament, which will be filled largely with former warlords, fighters and clerics.

Final results in the historic Sept. 18 parliamentary elections are expected to be announced soon. But unofficial results indicate that many women would have been elected even if 68 of the 249 seats had not been reserved for them.

"The presence of women, what-

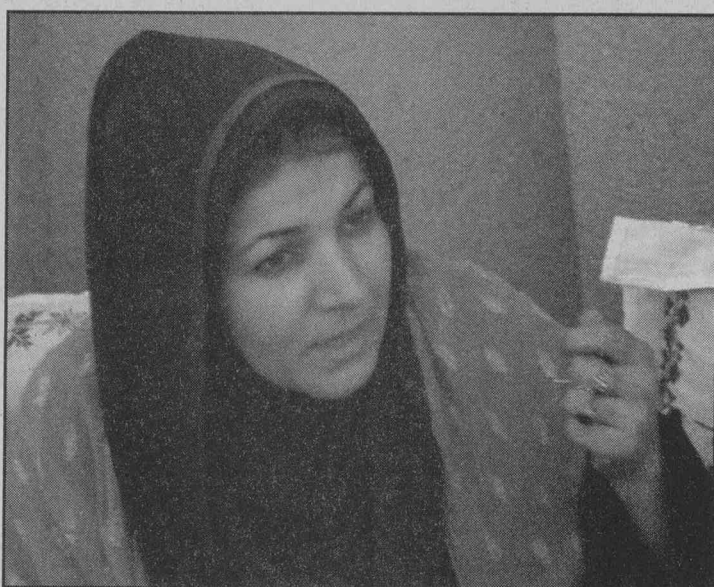


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Fauzia Gailani, talks during an interview, won 16,885 votes in the recent parliamentary race in Herat, Afghanistan. It was more than any other woman in Afghanistan, and more than all but 20 male candidates.

ever reason they got in, makes me happy," said Qassim Akhgar, a political analyst in Kabul. "It's a statement against fundamentalism and the ways of the past. Instead of any of these warlords, if a woman won, I'd be even more happy. Even if Fauzia Gailani replaced President Hamid Karzai, I would be very happy."

Gailani appears to have won so many votes for several reasons: She comes from a relatively well-known family, although she herself was an unknown. She campaigned in rural districts of the province, unlike other candidates. She's a descendant of the Prophet Muhammad and considered to be a religious person.

And her posters. They look similar to those of other female candidates in Herat but struck a very different chord with the men. In them, she wears makeup, either orange or pink lipstick on her Mona Lisa smile, and a head scarf that lets some of her highlighted hair poke out.

"Some men in this mall stared at Fauzia's picture and said, 'We are voting for this woman so we have a beautiful parliament,'" said Sara Bayat, who works in a clothing store. "I'm not happy about it. I'm angry."

Rumors spread that some men who voted for Gailani wrote "I love you" on the ballots, although election officials deny this. Her campaign posters, all 40,000 of them, have largely disappeared off the streets of Herat, taken by people who want a keepsake.

"Pretty," said Ismail Samadi, 17, holding a poster of Gailani that promised "Afghanistan: Freedom, Development, Security."

Such stories are mortifying for Gailani, 32, a serious woman who hopes to fight for women's rights in parliament.

"I don't know why people say things like this," she said. "I'm not

a little girl. I'm the mother of six. For me, that part of life is finished."

Her life started out much like other Herat women. At age 13, while she still played with dolls, she was forced to marry a man 15 years older than her. She was his second wife.

But after moving to Iran during Afghanistan's wars, Gailani fell in love with sports. She started exercising and worked at a gym for women. When her family moved back to Herat after the Taliban fell, Gailani brought two carloads of exercise equipment, treadmills, weights and bikes, to start gyms for women in Herat.

The first women's gym in Herat was in her basement. A picture of Gailani using a treadmill was featured on the front cover of a local magazine, *Bringing Freedom*. She was the first woman on a magazine cover in Herat since the Taliban's fall, Editor Noorahmad Karimi said.

In the summer of 2004, Khan's men tried to shut down the gym. They locked up the equipment, saying exercise was only for men, Gailani said. For four months, the women exercised secretly, with Gailani leading them in aerobics.

After Khan was removed, Gailani reopened her gym. She also helped open two others. On a recent day, about 15 women did aerobics in one gym named Powerful. The machines did not work because the electricity was out. The women jumped up and down, some wearing sweat suits, others in jeans, and one young woman in shorts, a T-shirt and a head scarf.

"When I see women doing this, they are always very happy," Gailani said. "How can men say that women should just sit at home and not work or exercise? Sometimes, I get very angry."

patrol north of the town of Balaad, which is just north of Baghdad. The Marine was described as taking part in combat operations near Amiriyah, in Anbar province.

No further details of the attacks were released Oct. 31. All seven names are being withheld pending notification of relatives.

The number of roadside-bomb attacks has been climbing steadily this year, with at least 30 deaths a month since May. The death rate in October is 15 more than the next highest month, August, and more than double the average number of roadside-bomb deaths during the war.

Overall, the monthly death toll was the highest since January, when 107 U.S. military personnel died, 54 of them from hostile fire.

The total number of U.S. deaths in Iraq stands at 2,026, of which 1,584 died from hostile fire.

Riots in France intensify; Chirac says restoring the order is a "priority"

BY TOM HUNDLEY
KRT

PARIS — As violent disturbances intensified Sunday, Nov. 6 in cities across France, President Jacques Chirac said restoring public order and security was his government's "absolute priority."

Chirac, who has been nearly invisible during 11 days of the worst unrest France has experienced since the student protests of 1968, warned that "those who want to sow violence of fear; they will be arrested, judged and punished."

But his words did little to deter the angry young men who live in the squalid housing projects that ring the outskirts of Paris, Nantes, Orleans, Rennes, Rouen and other cities. As darkness settled, they were out again in force, setting fire to cars, buses and shops, terrorizing their neighborhoods and reveling in self-destructive violence.

Rioters armed with bricks, baseball bats and Molotov cocktails clashed with police in the southern city of Toulouse.

In St. Etienne, a city in central France, rioters attacked a bus, forcing the passengers off before setting it on fire. The driver and one passenger were injured. City officials announced that they were shutting down public transport until further notice.

Near Paris, the violence spread to the southern suburb of Grigny, where rioters allegedly shot at police with hunting rifles, according to French television. Two policemen were reported to have been hospitalized with serious injuries.

Since the trouble began, at least 800 people have been arrested and

3,500 to 4,000 vehicles have been torched, mostly in the outlying districts of Paris, according to the unofficial tallies of various news outlets.

By midnight Sunday, another 95 people had been arrested and another 528 cars had been set ablaze around the country, according to police.

Residents of some communities hit by the violence have started to set up neighborhood patrols to protect schools and businesses.

"We are at the point now where we have to call in the army," one beleaguered shopkeeper in Paris told French television.

The rioting was triggered by an Oct. 27 incident in which two immigrant teenagers who thought they were being chased by police were electrocuted when they tried to hide in a power substation in the Paris suburb of Clichy-sous-Bois.

The nightly violence spreading across France has become emblematic of the anger and alienation of the country's large Arab and black African immigrant communities who complain that they are trapped in a no-hope cycle of unemployment, poverty and discrimination.

Although the violence appears to be spontaneous and the perpetrators seem to have no agenda other than to vent their frustration, their tactics have become more sophisticated. Small gangs use mobile phones to communicate with each other and motor scooters to evade police.

The Internet has become an important instrument of incitement.

Over the weekend, an Internet blogger posted a video clip that

appeared to show two plainclothes policemen shooting at a group of young men who had done nothing obvious to provoke them. There was no indication of when or where the video was made, or if it was genuine, but it hardly mattered to the young men who see the police as the enemy.

"Now you will understand why we have to break the police," one blogger said.

In the affluent and heavily patrolled areas of central Paris, where 51 cars were vandalized last Saturday night, authorities feared the violence could spread to attacks on people.

Even more disturbing was the discovery of a gasoline bomb making factory in a derelict building in Evry south of Paris. Police found more than 100 bottles ready to be turned into bombs, another 50 already prepared, as well as fuel stocks and hoods for hiding rioters' faces, senior Justice Ministry official Jean-Marie Huet told The Associated Press. Police arrested six people, all under 18.

On Sunday evening, Chirac, facing the gravest crisis of his presidency, called an emergency meeting of his top ministers.

"The law must have the last word," he said in his first public comments on the violence. He said that "certain decisions" had been taken to strengthen the police response, but he did not elaborate.

Prime Minister Dominique de Villepin promised that a range of new security measures to deal with the crisis would be announced soon.

More U.S. troops killed by roadside bombs in Iraq

BY MATTHEW SCHOFIELD
KRT

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Roadside bombs killed more U.S. troops in Iraq during October than in any previous month of the war, continuing a trend that's made the home-made explosives the primary threat to American forces in Iraq.

Six U.S. soldiers died from such bombs on Oct. 31, the last day of the month, bringing to 55 the number of American troops who died from the explosives in October. A roadside bomb also killed a Marine on Oct. 29, the military said.

In all, 93 U.S. military personnel died in Iraq during the month, making it the deadliest month since January and the fourth deadliest month of the war. Of those, 75 were killed by hostile fire.

The roadside bombs, known in military parlance as improvised explosive devices, commonly are laid along roads that American mil-

itary convoys frequent. They generally consist of artillery shells, which military intelligence experts say can be had for as little as \$15 in Iraq these days, and detonators.

The U.S. military has spent millions of dollars on efforts to develop measures to counter the bombs, but insurgents have responded by building bigger and more effective explosives.

On patrol, soldiers are told to scan the roadside for suspicious debris, as the bombs often are encased in concrete to make them appear to be broken sections of road or curb, or even placed in old boxes, bags or barrels.

They're most commonly detonated remotely, sometimes by modified television remotes, but more often by cell phones hooked to detonators.

According to military news releases, four of the soldiers who died Monday were patrolling southwest Baghdad when they were killed. The other two were on

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Deadly tornado causes major damage

By **TONYA MAXWELL**
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KRT

EVANSVILLE, Ind. — Hearing the winds whip outside his mobile home and the sound of breaking glass, Dustin Watts ordered his wife to get in the bathtub and then went to get his sons, ages 5 and 2.

Watts, 28, doesn't know what happened next. But he thinks the tornado that killed at least 22 people when it struck northern Kentucky and southern Indiana early Sunday morning on Oct. 6, tossed his home into the air.

"I don't know if it flipped over but it felt like it did,"

The frame of his trailer sat about 20 feet away in Eastbrook Mobile Home Park outside Evansville, Ind.

Though one of his boys suffered head injuries and was hospitalized, Watts and the rest of his family were relatively lucky compared to their neighbors in the trailer park, the site of the most fatalities from the tornado. By Sunday evening, Vanderburgh County officials estimated that at least 22 people had been killed in the trailer park, where 144 of the 350 mobile homes were either obliterated or left uninhabitable. Five other people died in nearby Warrick County, Ind.

"If we're lucky that's going to be it, but I've got a feeling it's going to go up," said Don Erk, Vanderburgh County coroner.

The death toll from the tornado, which struck around 2 a.m., was Indiana's worst since 1974.

St. Mary's Medical Center in Evansville and its sister hospital in Warrick County treated about 180 people for injuries from blunt head and chest trauma to broken bones and cuts. Thirty-two were admitted, including 14 in critical condition, a spokesman said.

Deaconess Hospital in Evansville treated 46 people, admitting 31, including six in critical condition.

Emergency rescue officials

blamed the timing of the tornado for the number of injuries and fatalities.

"If people are at work, they wouldn't have been in their residences and there probably would have been more communication," said Maj. Stephen Woodall of the Vanderburgh County sheriff's office. "At that time of the morning, most people are asleep."

Authorities said sirens blared in many of the communities and the emergency broadcast system was activated to alert people to the coming storm, but officials believe many people slept through the warnings or could not hear the sirens because of the winds.

While crews picked through debris looking for people, firefighters in Warrick County hopped on all terrain vehicles, searching farm fields for storm victims, said Matt Timmel, assistant chief of the Newburgh Volunteer Fire Department. A man and wife were found dead in a bean field that was located about a quarter-mile from their trailer, he added.

The tornado touched down in Henderson County, Ky., before moving to the northeast into Indiana. In 10 to 15 minutes, it left a 15- to 20-mile path of flattened homes, overturned cars, trees wrapped with siding and cornfields strewn with mattresses, officials

said.

"In some areas, there are four trailers laying on top of each other," Vanderburgh County Sheriff Brad Ellsworth said.

"You could follow the path of how the thing moved through there," he said. "It was so weird."

The Knight Township Volunteer Fire Department, which covers the parts of Vanderburgh County outside Evansville, was the first to arrive at the trailer park, where they found "the walking wounded coming out," Assistant Chief Dale Naylor said.

"We were digging people out by hand," Naylor said. "We tried to rescue anyone we could."

Libby pleads not guilty

By **SHANNON MCCAFFREY**
KRT

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dick Cheney's former chief of staff pleaded not guilty on Thursday Nov. 3, to charges that he lied and obstructed justice in the probe into the leak of a CIA officer's name.

A lawyer for I. Lewis "Scooter" Libby pledged to fight the charges.

"He wants to clear his good name and he wants a jury trial," Ted Wells said outside the courthouse.

Such a trial could feature the embarrassing spectacle of Cheney taking the witness stand.

Prosecutors say Cheney passed classified information about the CIA officer's identity to Libby, who then allegedly shared it with reporters.

Libby is charged in a five-count indictment with lying to a grand jury and federal investigators about his conversations with reporters regarding Valerie Plame, a CIA officer and the wife of a prominent critic of the Bush administration.

For Libby, who's spent much of his career as a behind-the-scenes power broker, last Thursday's court appearance marked an entry into the glaring media spotlight that's become the hallmark of Washington scandals.

A crush of reporters and television cameras trailed Libby as he hobbled into and out of the courtroom on the crutches he's using because of a foot injury. As he passed, one heckler outside the courthouse shouted at Libby:

"Guilty of taking the U.S. to war on a pack of lies! Guilty! Guilty! Guilty!"

The almost two-year-old criminal probe into how Plame's name found its way into a column by conservative writer Robert Novak has focused fresh attention on the intelligence the administration used to justify the war in Iraq.

Plame's name surfaced soon after her husband, former U.S. Ambassador Joseph Wilson, had a piece published in The New York Times that accused the Bush administration of twisting intelligence to show that Iraq had attempted to purchase uranium in Niger. Wilson alleges that the Bush administration outed his wife to retaliate.

Libby is the only person who's been charged in the case, although the investigation of White House Deputy Chief of Staff Karl Rove continues.

Libby's arraignment lasted just 10 minutes and he uttered only a few words.

"With respect, your honor, I plead not guilty," Libby told U.S. District Judge Reggie Walton.

Libby waived his right to a speedy trial to give his defense lawyers time to get the security clearances they'll need to see much of the evidence in the case.

Libby was released without posting bail. The next court date is a Feb. 3 status hearing.



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Bun B's debut solo album hits stores on Nov. 7 and it is aptly entitled "TRILL." Every album nowadays is supposedly 'Highly Anticipated,' but this one really has been.

Bun B and Pimp C make up UGK, one of the most respected groups to come out of the dirty-dirty. Thanks to Jay Z, the group was just shy of commercial success before Pimp C got locked up for a probation violation.

Bun B is a powerful rapper even when he isn't saying anything. His voice has a hypnotically fluid precision and a weary authority and Bun delivers his rhymes with enough inventive eloquence to even make street-rap clichés sound fresh.

Determined to carry on the torch, until they decide to free the "Pimp," Bun B comes center stage with his freshmen effort, "Trill."

The lead off single, "Draped Up" is an ode to flossin' and the car culture that other Houston emcees like Paul Wall and Mike Jones often rhyme about.

Now, if you ever been to Texas, it's a picture to paint...iced out watches, bracelets, chains, pieces, teeth, man we throwed in the game," Bun rhymes on the bass heavy slow tempo track.

While this album offers up no ground breaking material, the tried and true tales of pimpin' ("Who Need a 'B'"), revenge ("Retaliation is a Must"), and excessive flossing ("Fresh") are all entertaining and will become guilty pleasures for even the most conscious rap fan.

Maybe Bun didn't make another Southern classic, but he said what he needed to in the opening lines of "The Inauguration": "From now on, I run the South and everything down here". Know what I'm tal'm bout?

If "Trill" is any indication of the future, there is a lot of life left for UGK.



PHOTO BY CANDRA WHITLEY

Facebook has become an important in most college students' everyday life. The majority of students spend about two hours on the Web site each day searching for new friends and awkwardly named groups to join.

Facebook: The new way to "chill"

BY TIFFANY HOLDEN
Black College Wire

Students at historically black colleges have a new hang out? And it's anywhere there's a computer terminal where they can log onto Facebook.com.

"I think the Facebook is the new way to chill, and a new way to get to know people from all over," said Randy Williams, a political science sophomore at North Carolina Central University.

"Facebook is the thing on campus," said Shakethia Robertson, a sophomore mass communication major at Southern University, who is from Houston. "If you go to the library, almost half the lab is connected, including me."

Unlike Blackplanet.com, which the general public can use, Facebook.com is exclusively for high school and college students.

They can connect with other people in schools and colleges nationwide.

Facebook was launched on Feb. 4 2004, by four friends at Harvard University.

They meant to create a little college network, just for fun, but they started a huge college craze.

By December 2004, more than 1 million students from at least 300 colleges had registered with Facebook.

Today, at least 46 of the schools are historically black colleges and universities. Some students spend about 30 minutes a day on Facebook.

"It's a good, inexpensive way to keep in touch with people from your old high school," said Erica Pender, a sophomore majoring in English education at North Carolina Central.

But others say they eat, sleep and breathe Facebook.

"Facebook is crack," said NCCU business administration freshman

Rodney Ward.

"I gotta check it at least three times a day, and that's on days when I'm busy. I can't get enough. I need a Facebook support group or something called Facebook Anonymous."

Freshman Demetria Green of Tennessee State University agrees that Facebook is "fun, addicting, time consuming, cool and easy." But Green did not recommend revealing personal information such as an address or phone number on the site.

"Some people only get on Facebook to flirt, find a mate, and even stalk," she said. Students first need a valid college e-mail address to set up a Facebook account.

Once in Facebook, students create profiles with their likes, dislikes and other personal information. They can search for users with similar likes and dislikes, and send messages to each other. Facebook is funded by advertis-

ing and is free for its users. One of its most popular features is the wall, a place where people come to post whatever they want on each others profiles.

Members are able to search for other members by name, college, high school and more.

"I just signed up and I am already addicted to the Social Net. People you would have never thought of are connected," said Allison Hill, a junior psychology major at Southern who is from New Orleans.

The Social Net section allows the reader to see others who have registered through his or her school.

To be included in the Social Net, a picture in the personal profile is a necessity.

Forming groups is a popular activity. One group from North Carolina Central is the "The A.H.C." or Always Hungry Club.

It slams NCCU's Pearson Cafeteria. It was established with

the description: Central has some nasty . . . food. I starve until chicken day. That's why I'm always HUNGRY.

Another NCCU group was founded by Tiffany Buchanan, a junior majoring in chemistry and an Army reservist serving in the Middle East.

Her group description says: We are the future of this country. We attend this institution of higher learning in order to receive the education we need to do exceptional things with our lives. We are the future movers and shakers . . . we are America's Worst Nightmare: because we are young, gifted, and black.

Tiffany Holden, a student at North Carolina Central University, writes for the Campus Echo. Tiffany Logan of the Southern Digest at Southern University contributed to this story, along with the Meter at Tennessee State University.

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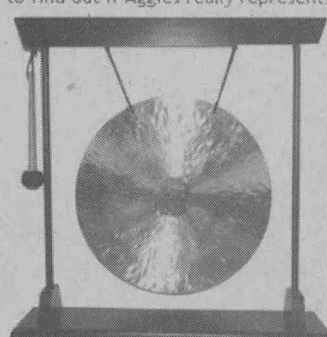
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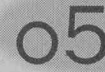
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Study finds increase in depression among U.S. college students

By BRYNA ZUMER
KRT

Today's college students are twice as likely to be depressed and three times more likely to be suicidal than they were a decade ago, according to a recent study.

"For a variety of reasons, school is more stressful than it was 10 years ago," said Sherry Benton, assistant director of training at Kansas State University and one of the researchers of the study, which was published in February.

Researchers examined the changes in the problems of students who visited the counseling center at Kansas State University over a 13-year period.

The study, which included 13,000 students, found that over the 13-year period of time, the percentage of students with depression rose from 21 percent to 41 percent. The percentage of suicidal students rose from 5 to 9 percent, and students with stress and anxiety problems rose from 36 to 62 percent.

There are many possible reasons for the increases in depression and other stress-related issues, Benton said, including more academic competition and financial stress.

Counseling center directors nationwide, however, said the depressed economy has caused more stress than grades.

"There's a perception among our students that there are not that many opportunities in the workplace," said Patricia Larsen, director at the University of Colorado at Denver. "They feel a lot of pressure to stand out."

She agreed with Benton that there is also more stress about paying for college because "families' dollars are stretched... (they) cannot provide as much support to the students."

Russ Federman, director at the University of Virginia, said college used to be a time of exploration, but now students must choose a major that will guarantee success in the job force.

"When I went to school in the '60s, it was not uncommon to be a liberal arts major," Federman said. "Now if you're a liberal arts major, it means you don't know what you want to do."

Another explanation, Benton said, is better medication of

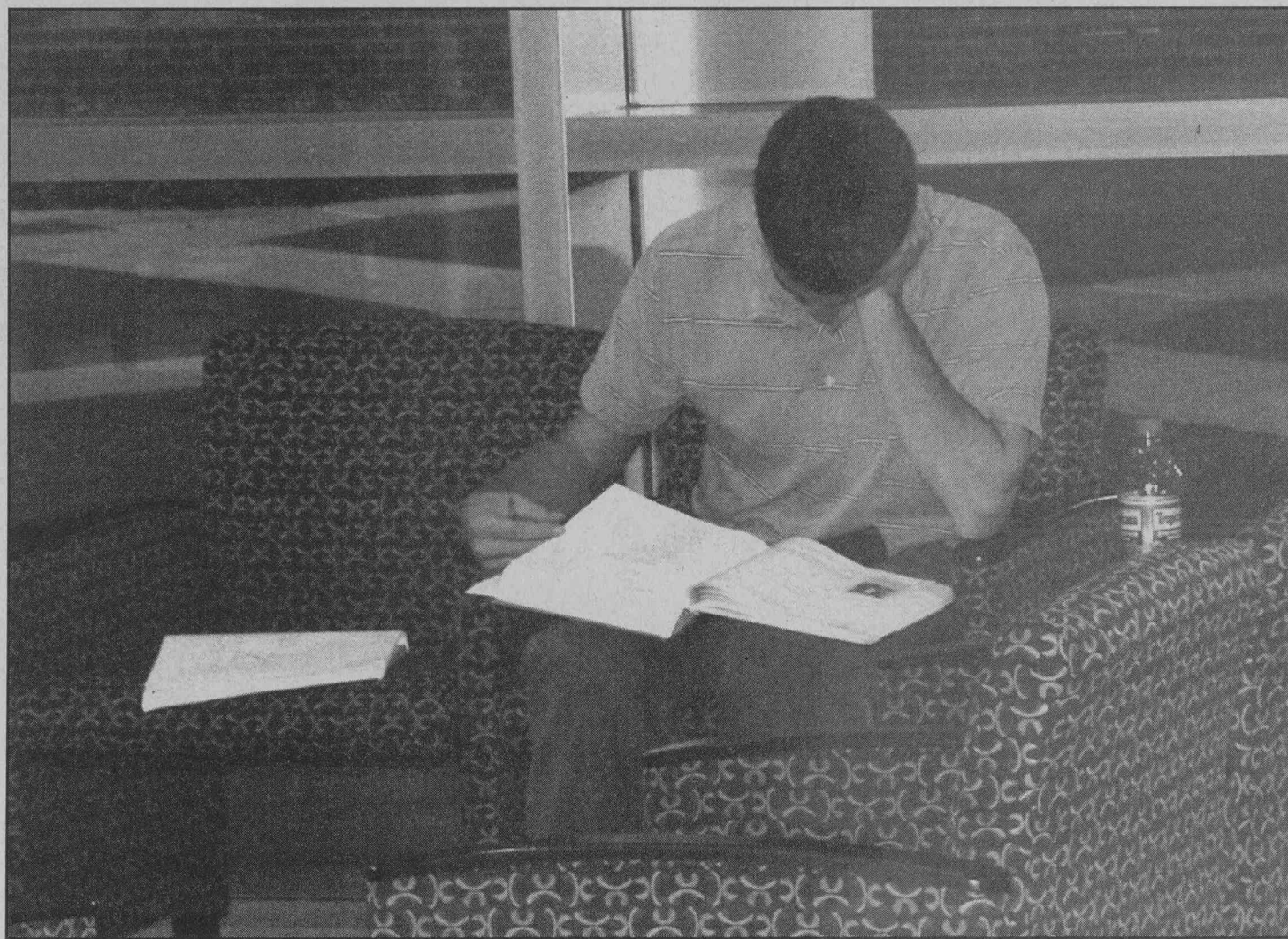


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Daniel Henley, a freshman mechanical engineering major, uses his free time to study for his "somewhat stressful" Calculus I class in the lobby of the New Classroom Building.

younger people with mental problems.

"A lot of students function well enough to get to college," she said.

Federman agreed, saying he has seen "more people coming to (U.Va.) with pre-existing depression."

Less stigma about seeking counseling is yet another reason. "People are a lot more comfortable coming in (to the counseling center)," Benton said.

The study also found increases in sexual assault, relationship issues, family issues and personality disorders.

"We were very aware that the stress and anxiety had overtaken relationship problems," Benton said. "We were working with a lot more suicidal students... You really notice that."

Because the study only looked at the rural, 19,000-student Kansas State University, its results are probably not a direct reflection of the

entire country, she said.

Student stress at the University of Colorado at Denver, Larsen said, may be due to its position as an urban, commuter university. Many of its 11,000 students work full time.

"Parking alone is enough to give you a headache," she said.

However, Rebecca Davenport, a psychologist at Bowling Green State University in Ohio, said the trends she sees at the rural, 16,000-student university represent a larger picture.

Davenport previously worked at Mercyhurst College, a private suburban college in Erie, Pa., with 3,000 students.

Although Mercyhurst College had slightly more anxiety problems, overall "I was seeing the same sorts of issues," she said.

The study ended before the terrorist attacks on Sept. 11, 2001. After Sept. 11, Kansas State University saw a drop in the number of students visiting the counsel-

ing center, which Benton said was due to "a sense of solidarity that...pulled people into a sense of common care and concern."

The effects of Sept. 11 on students at other universities were mixed.

Larsen, at the University of Colorado at Denver, said she saw "a ton" of cases afterward, although many students did not attribute their stress directly to that event.

Federman said case numbers at U.Va. did not increase, and it's too soon to predict the long-term effects of Sept. 11.

The counseling centers have tried to address the increase in serious mental problems in several ways.

The University of Colorado at Denver teaches its counselors more techniques to address anxiety, grief and loss. Counselors now focus on "stress inoculation," which means teaching preventive techniques for handling stress, Larsen said.

Craig Vickio, director of the

Bowling Green State University center, said the center improved its emergency response system one and half years ago.

"Because of the increasing numbers of crises and emergencies... we have a system now in place where throughout the day there's a person assigned for emergencies," he said.

Counselors have realized they are the front line when it comes to serious problems. Benton, at Kansas State University, said 20 years ago counseling centers did not worry about diagnosing mental illnesses.

Now, she said, "we're putting out fires more."

(Bryna Zumer is a journalism student at the University of Maryland in College Park and is an intern for KRT Campus.)

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Just Curious...



By STANCHEKA BOONE
Features Editor

DID YOU KNOW...

1. Cockroaches break wind about every 15 minutes?
2. And they can live for up to nine days without its head before starving to death?
3. Fish scales are an ingredient in most lipsticks?
4. A typical bed houses over 6 billion dust mites?
5. The average cough comes out at about 60 miles per hour?
6. Pig vomit is used in perfume and cologne to hold the scent in?
7. If bulls are colorblind, why do people always wave red in front of them?
8. When did it become cool to be considered a "jump-off" for fraternities?
9. Is it really safe to include everything about you on your Facebook profile?
10. When is the deadline for wearing tank tops?
11. Are girls expected to shave their legs in the winter?
12. Why?
13. Is it really okay for teachers to give homework over Thanksgiving break?
14. Are they missing that the keyword in "Thanksgiving break" is BREAK?
15. Wouldn't it be nice if we could give them homework?
16. Why is it so hard to get access to a computer after 5 p.m.?
17. Why do airplanes fly so high?
18. If money is made from cotton, why do people refer to it as paper?
19. Who said that math equations are right if they were made up by someone?
20. Why are we required to learn their made-up equations instead of making up our own?

Students experience different cultures

By CHRISSY MALONE
Contributor

The Student Union Advisory Board joined by members of the International and Minority Affairs hosted "Taste of the World."

"Taste of the World" was held in Stallings Ballroom located in the Memorial Union on Nov. 2 from 11 to 3 p.m. It was an event in which different countries and continents displayed their different cultures.

Students put together presentations at different tables which included descriptions of the culture, food, artifacts, and activities from the different places around the world for participants to do.

"We just wanted to give students a taste of what other cultures are really about," said Marquita Hill, a senior foreign languages major and the chairperson of "Taste of the World."

Africa, Korea, Japan, Mexico, West Indies, Spain, Morocco and India were the countries represented during the program. Students representing the countries or continent wore colored t-shirts with the name of the place of which they

represented labeled on their shirt.

Ryan Hillard, a junior foreign languages major, represented Morocco. He chose to teach Arabic to the participants.

"I've been taking classes at (UNC) Chapel Hill, and I thought it would fun to share what I am learning with everyone else," Hillard said.

Students crowded around Hillard listening while he taught them a few words and phrases of the language.

Africa was represented by Priscilla Serebour, a junior nursing major. At her display, she chose to tell and display African stories.

Tiyika Scott, a freshman nursing major, presented the culture of Korea and had materials for participants to create bracelets.

Hill was in charge of the Mexican display. She taught people some words from the Spanish language.

Ciera Tollivard and Joy Collie, a sophomore psychology major, joined in at Sam Hall's display of Japan by painting tote bags. Surrounded by the paint jars, brushes were traditional Japanese food.

Not only were there table dis-

plays of the various cultures, but there also was live entertainment to enjoy. The African Student Association performed an original act for the audience.

The Soulflower Studios belly dancers followed and later they gave the audience a chance to participate. Two young ladies from the audience actually got on a stage and attempted to belly dance with the professionals.

C.J. Bright, a martial arts performer, was the last person scheduled. He performed several techniques for the audience to enjoy.

The Soulflower Studio dancers returned to the stage at the end of Bright's program and continued teaching interested students how to belly dance.

Those who helped to organize "Taste of the World" did not have to prepare food for the program. Restaurants around the Triad prepared food for students to enjoy.

Seoul Gardens, Gold India, Mexico Mexican, Midori, Montego Bay, and members of FYD/Sodexo were just a few of the restaurants and food providers that prepared food for the event.

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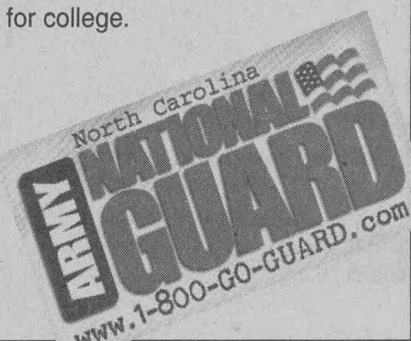
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What's News—

In Business and Finance

Grokster Closes,
Pays \$50 Million

Grokster, a pioneering file-sharing service that allowed users to illegally download copyrighted songs, shut down as part of a legal settlement with the music industry.

Grokster agreed to pay \$50 million to the Recording Industry Association of America, an industry group that represents music labels. It also agreed to a permanent injunction prohibiting infringement of the music companies' copyrighted works.

The move reinforces a Supreme Court ruling in June that let the music industry sue file-sharing businesses if they help people obtain copyrighted material free. Grokster had been the leader of file-sharing sites fighting the music companies. Those that remain will likely be forced to go legitimate by working with copyright holders, or to move their operations offshore, which could make it difficult for them to attract advertisers.

The practice of illegal file sharing, however, probably won't be much affected. Millions of people already have the Grokster software on their computers, and the company can't stop them from using it to get copyrighted songs free from other Grokster users.

CBS, NBC Approve
On-Demand Shows

CBS and NBC Universal struck deals with cable and satellite providers allowing their viewers to watch a few popular shows anytime they want, the latest sign of how quickly technology is upending viewing habits and reshaping the TV industry's longtime model.

Such shows as "Survivor" and "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit" will be sold for 99 cents an episode. CBS made its deal with cable company Comcast; NBC Universal set its pact with DirecTV, a satellite TV provider. ABC recently struck a similar deal with Apple Computer, under which episodes of shows including "Desperate Housewives" and "Lost" can be viewed on an Apple video iPod for \$1.99 an episode.

TV executives have long feared that on-demand viewing could erode their ability to sell ads and reruns. But traditional prime-time viewing is under siege from technologies like digital-video recorders, or DVRs, which allow users to save shows and watch them at their convenience—without commercials.

Comcast customers in some areas with digital service will be able to buy the CBS shows starting in January; commercials are included, though viewers can fast-forward through the ads. The NBC Universal shows, including "Monk," on USA, and "Battlestar Galactica," on Sci-Fi, will be available free. That service will be available to DirecTV subscribers who buy a DirecTV Plus set-top box, set for release later this month.

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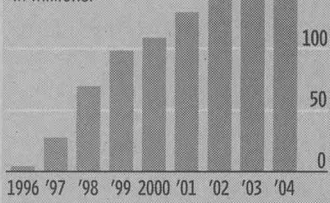
While Google just launched print.google.com, making available non-copyrighted texts from several university and public libraries, Microsoft has announced a competing project in which it will provide digital copies of books from the British Library. Microsoft said texts equivalent to about 100,000 books from Britain's national library will be offered through MSN Search next year.

Microsoft said the texts in its project aren't subject to copyright restrictions. Google, meanwhile, though its current texts are in the public domain, has been hit with two lawsuits by publishers and authors concerned about the company's plans to scan copyrighted works as well.

Internet companies are battling to provide access to more content and generate revenue from sources

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such as advertising tied to search results.

Then there is Amazon.com, which plans next year to allow consumers to buy online access to entire books, and to individual pages or chapters, giving publishers and authors another way to generate revenue from their content, much like music labels are selling individual songs through Apple Computer's iTunes.

Amazon's programs with publishers aren't exclusive. But its setup appears to be getting a head start on publishers' own plans: Random House, for example, is in talks to participate but says it is interested in working with others as well to make the contents of its books available online on pay-per-page-view basis.

Retail Boost Lifts
Holiday Hopes

A late-October cold snap sent U.S. shoppers scrambling for fall fashions, buoying retailers' holiday hopes even as consumers brace for stiff winter energy bills. According to an index of 68 major chains kept by the International Council of Shopping Centers, retailers in October posted a 4.4% increase in sales at stores open at least a year. "There are certainly lots of things to worry about" for consumers, says Michael P. Niemira, chief economist at the trade group, citing energy prices, rising interest rates and an uncertain housing market. "But the consumer is still out there spending," he says.

U.S. and China
Sign Textile Deal

The U.S. and China signed an agreement restricting Chinese clothing and textile exports to the U.S. for the next three years, defusing a major source of trade tension between the two countries.

The agreement effectively ends China's short-lived period of unrestricted access to its richest trading markets this year, after a decades-old global garment quota system was dismantled at the end of 2004 and opened the door to a flood of cheap Chinese textile exports into global markets. As part of the new agreement, the U.S. government promises to exercise restraint when considering safeguard quotas in future.

Odds & Ends

Toll Brothers Inc. lowered its estimate for homes delivered in 2006, pointing to a tougher regulatory environment, community-opening delays and softening demand in some markets. "It appears we may be entering a period of more moderate home price increases, more typical of the past decade than the past two years," said Robert Toll, chief executive at the home builder.

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Brewers Try to Repair
An Image Problem
That They Created

By SARAH ELLISON

Beer rivals Anheuser-Busch Cos. and SABMiller PLC, by pouring millions of dollars into ads that reinforce a raucous, frat-boy image, haven't done themselves any favors.

Now they need to undo all that hard work, says the new top marketer at Miller Brewing Co.

"People will tell you that beer is not sophisticated enough, or stylish enough, to compete with wine and spirits," says Tom Long, Miller's chief marketing officer. "Why do they think that? Well, I believe it's because we told them to."

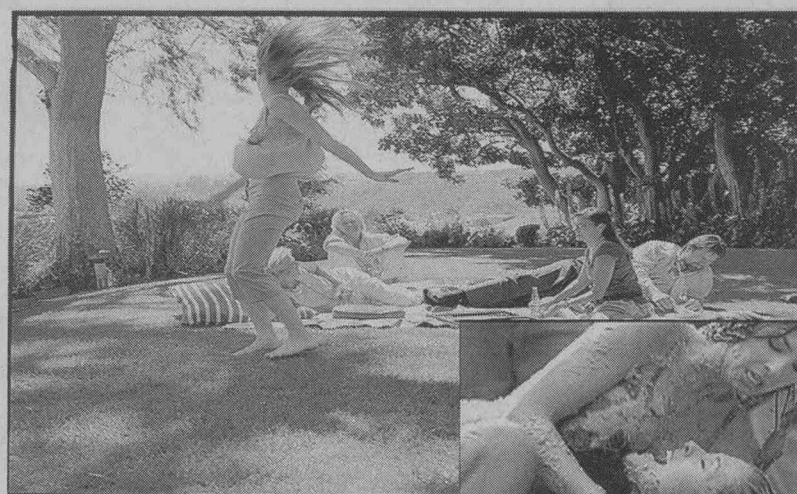
As evidence, Mr. Long points to such recent beer commercials as Miller's own "cat fight" spots, in which two women duke it out and tear each other's clothes off, and spots for Anheuser-Busch's Bud Light featuring flatulent horses and a dog attacking a man's crotch. And let's not forget the bikini-clad twins for Molson Coors Brewing Co.'s Coors Light.

Shifting Taste

Is it just a coincidence that while the beer industry has been hitting these advertising themes, three important consumer groups have begun to turn away from beer in favor of wine and mixed drinks? Baby boomers increasingly are drinking wine, young women now often find it more fashionable to drink a low-carb cocktail than a brew, and older members of the so-called echo-boom, the children of baby boomers born from the late 1970s through the early 1990s, also seem drawn to cocktails, in large part because of the more-sophisticated image the spirits industry has created for its products.

"We've marketed our way into this problem," Mr. Long says, "and we can market ourselves out of it."

In an unprecedented effort to re-



One of Miller Brewing's old 'cat fight' spots (right); a new ad about a picnic (top)

verse the industry's decline, Anheuser-Busch, which controls roughly half of the U.S. beer market and has dominated it for decades, is trying to drum up support in the industry for the equivalent of the dairy industry's popular "Got Milk?" campaign.

Robert C. Lachky, Anheuser's executive vice president of global industry development, working through the Beer Institute, an industry group, has been assigned to get other brewers in line. He says the response so far has been "unbelievably favorable."

According to several people familiar with the campaign's development, brewers would donate advertising space in which one of the industry spots could run. Conceivably, a spot could run during one of Anheuser's many Super Bowl slots, although no final decisions have been made. As for costs, "we haven't costed it out yet," Mr. Lachky says, "but we're really at a point where a little could go a long way."

'Here's to Beer'

Mr. Lachky has circulated several ideas for TV ads among beer executives, retailers and other insiders. One, dubbed "Here's to Beer," shows people around the world drinking beer and toasting in differ-

ent languages, according to several people who have seen it. "It's about connecting and the universality of beer," says Mr. Lachky. It is one of three or four concepts the industry is considering.

A print campaign making the rounds would feature celebrities who answer the question, "Who would you like to have a beer with?" In the version that Mr. Lachky has shown several executives, Paul Newman wants to have a beer with Teddy Roosevelt. Oprah Winfrey chooses Lucille Ball. Mr. Lachky says the campaign is still in its rough stages, and individual celebrities haven't been approached yet.

In an industry that spends a collective \$500 million in the U.S. pitching its brands, the new effort may be just one more squirt from the advertising keg. Still, industry executives have been buzzing with curiosity about what form the new campaign will take.

Miller and Coors have expressed interest in participating in the campaign.

The defection of the echo-boomers has hit beer makers particularly hard, digging directly into beer's longtime consumer base of 21- to 27-year-olds.

Indeed, Miller's Mr. Long says beer makers grew too comfortable

targeting young men in this age group, a group he calls "the Pack."

Self Parody

A "girls and humor" ad formula made some sense, Mr. Long says, considering that young men continue to drink the vast majority of beer in the U.S. But "girls and humor" became "bimbos and slapstick" — "and ultimately our message often became a parody of itself," Mr. Long says.

Beer's share of the overall U.S. alcoholic-beverage market peaked in 1995 at about 61%, according to industry estimates, but it fell to 58% by 2004.

Spirits' share of the market has climbed to more than 28% in 2004 from just under 27% in 1995, while wine grew to 14% in 2004 from under 12% in 1995.

Anheuser is taking other measures to improve beer's image. It is promoting cocktail recipes to bartenders that make use of beer as a mixer. It is selling "limited edition" seasonal beers for the holidays and trying new packaging for existing Budweiser brands. And it even is showing signs of interest in moving into the world of distilled spirits, testing a new liquor in several markets.

Mr. Long stopped short of promising the industry would turn its back on bathroom humor and babes. "Does this mean we're suddenly going to get high-fallutin' and start giving away free pedicures with every twelve-pack?" he asks. "Of course not."

In Miller's newest campaign, the company uses a Court TV format with a scruffy young actor who puts Bud Light on trial for having less taste and twice the carbs of Miller Lite. The campaign, with the tagline "All Rise for Great Taste," shows that Miller is deepening its reliance on competitive advertising, which has helped propel the brand's sales in recent years.

Search
Spreads to
CellphonesBy DIONNE SEARCEY
AND KEVIN DELANEY

Yahoo and Google are set to roll out new wireless services, taking advantage of advanced networks and cellphones to provide features similar to those available on computers.

Yahoo soon will introduce a cellphone that it will sell through a partnership with SBC Communications. The cellphone will take a step closer to linking wirelessly such cellphone services as music, photos and email with consumers' existing Yahoo accounts, address books and preferences.

Meantime, Google is tailoring some popular Internet services for use on wireless devices. Consumers using some types of cellphones are now able to access maps wirelessly and scroll through them as they can on the Google Maps service.

The moves will mark a further step in the evolution of cellphones from communications devices to minicomputers that can be used for email, Web browsing, music downloading and even watching TV, in addition to calls. Handset manufacturers already have started to produce single devices that combine cellphones, Web surfing, wireless email and MP3 players.

Wireless Internet services have become more popular in recent years as networks have been beefed up and new devices have become available. Wireless providers have begun to push Internet services, which generally cost an extra fee, as revenue growth from the standard cellphone business has leveled off. In the third quarter, for example, Sprint Nextel reported \$550 million in revenue from wireless data services, up more than 60% from a year earlier.

SBC executives said the SBC-Yahoo phone is expected to be available as soon as early next year and will cost \$200 to \$300. The phone will also be an MP3 player, a 1.3 megapixel camera and will have a removable memory card.

Google in June began offering cellphone users the ability to get search results from an index of Web sites optimized for cellphones. Now many consumers whose phones support Java software can download a Google application that lets them conduct searches for businesses or services in a specific geographical location and view the search results plotted on a map.

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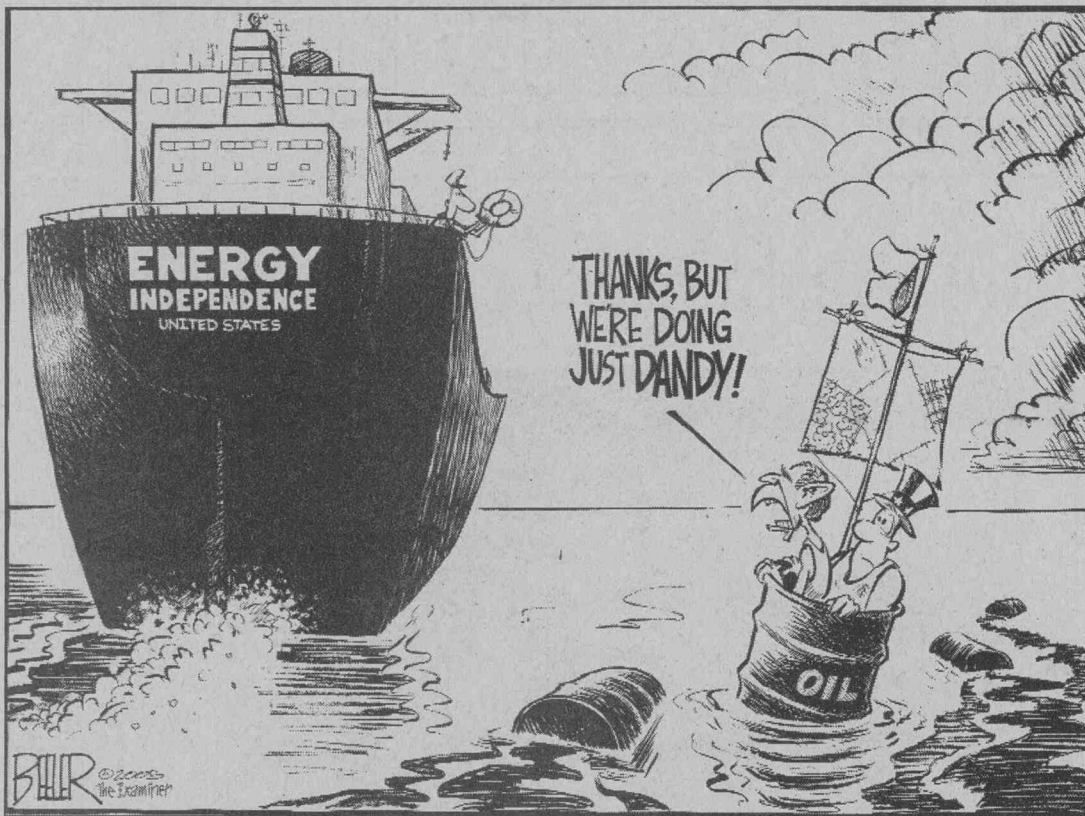
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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

CAUTION:

Pedestrians crossing

JIM PERRY
Contributor

The hustle and bustle of traffic; everything from cement mixers to mopeds zipping by with what seems to be reckless abandon. People patiently waiting to cross this gauntlet of metal death. Brave souls standing in the middle of the road expecting to have a right-of-way. Horns blaring at those who just want to make it safely to their destination. Even drivers wanting to turn are considered obstacles to be driven over.

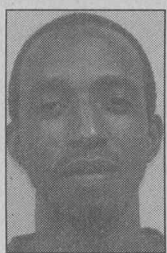
Funny how this sounds like life in downtown Chicago or New York, but no. This is the environment around our campus. Just last Friday, a pedestrian was struck by a car at the corner of Dudley and Bluford. On Monday, a campus police vehicle collided with a student's vehicle while she was turning into campus to

attend class. I have experienced having to dodge traffic just to cross the street from my house to get to class.

How come UNC-G has flashing lights, enforced crosswalks, constant police presence and we don't? How come it is safer to walk around downtown than it is at my school? Are we as students of an HBCU not as important or worthy to deserve the right to cross the street without our lives being in jeopardy? Why can't the city invest in placing turning lanes around a school that brings millions of dollars and hundreds of jobs to our community? Does someone have to die in order to get something done? I think not. As a student, I will do my part to let those in charge (Chancellor, Mayor, Councilman, Police Chief) know that I just want to feel safe when I walk to class. Not just from thugs, robbers and rapists but also from cement trucks and police cars as well...

Parking officers need to chill out, get off my back

BY CHAD ROBERTS
Copy desk chief



Dear ladies and gentleman of the office of parking services: Several weeks ago, in an open letter to your office, I questioned whether

the distinguished parking officers were still employed by this great university.

Your response, judging by the quantity of tickets strategically placed on vehicles parked in various A&T parking lots, is a resounding yes.

Many a parking citation has graced the windshield of my vehicle since my last correspondence. Indeed, the stalwart officers of parking services have ticketed me profusely.

I would simply love to pay these \$25 citations! Honestly, I would. But... well, there's always a "but."

My rent is past due. Verizon Wireless, my esteemed cellular provider, has temporarily terminated my service for a lack of payment. And due to my bank's harrowingly coarse fixation on timely car note payments, I'm sure the repo man is inquiring as to my whereabouts at this very moment.

There is also spring tuition, which is quite an undertaking on

one's bank account. I fear that, unless my fiscal health improves, I'll have to make sacrifices akin to our brothers and sisters in third-world regions.

There is hope, however. I am pleased to announce that I am once again gainfully employed. Though a part-time position with miniscule pay, this job should nonetheless help to stabilize my financial footing.

But I fear I will fail to make your deadline for citation payments. With the month of May closing in on us fast, my mind is primarily consumed with that glorious morning when I will walk across that fine stage and take my rightful place as an alumnus of this illustrious institution.

Which brings us to this point: it is my understanding that no one receives their degree until all parking citations are at a zero balance. Those are quite clever tactics on your part, indeed. It guarantees your money, but it puts us both in a bit of a pickle. If things continue as they have, your office won't get paid, and I won't get my degree.

After meditating several hours on the roof of Corbett Gym, I believe I have a solution. I propose a moratorium on tickets until next May. In return, I will contact my attorneys, and see about amending my will.

Ladies and gentleman of the office of parking services, I will

now reveal to you what no man on this planet, except my attorneys, knows.

A&T is a benefactor in my will, and stands to prosper tremendously upon my demise. Wealth and riches untold await this university on the fateful day of my passing. If you choose to suspend my citations, then your office will also be showered with gifts.

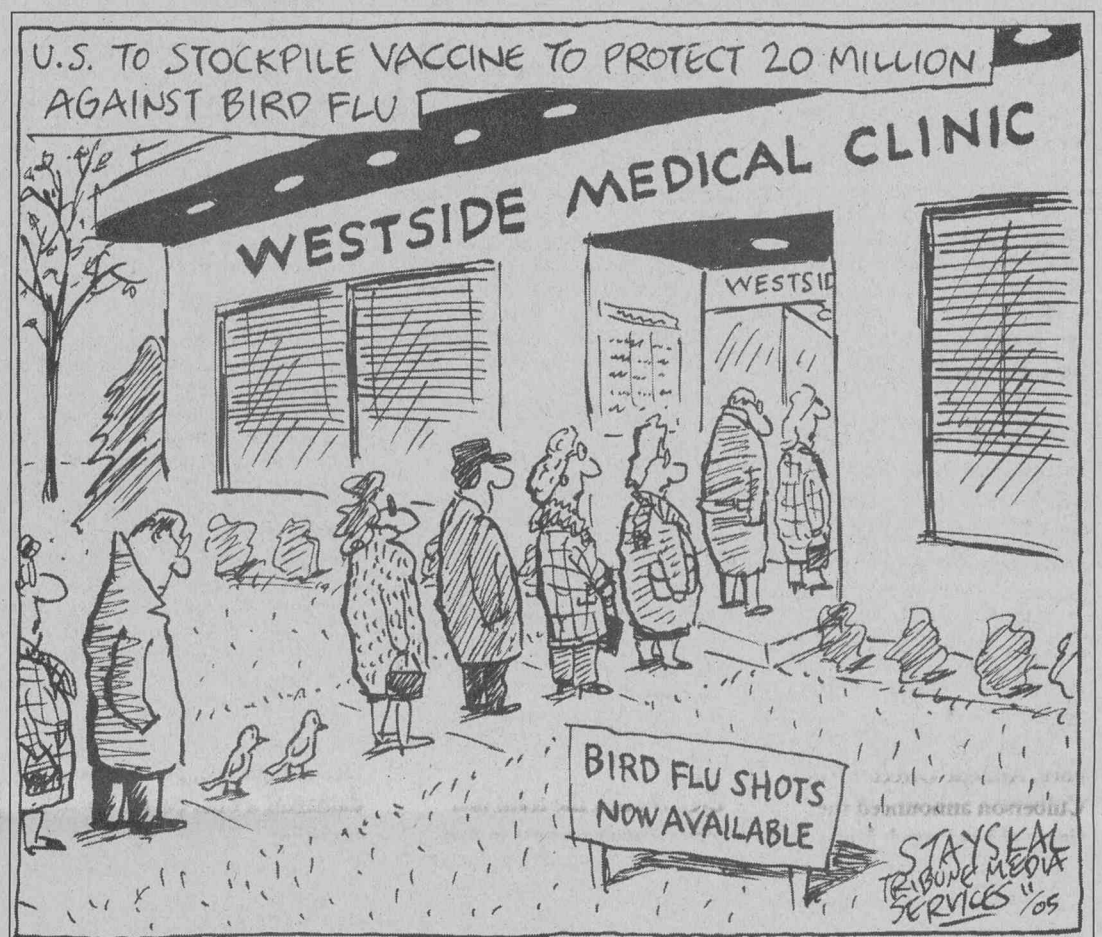
This is somewhat of a business arrangement, so trust is necessary. I'll trust that I won't get anymore tickets, and you must trust me to amass an impressive amount of wealth during my career.

My will, admittedly, is still a work in progress. So far, A&T is legally entitled to receive only my sacred reporter notebooks and a mighty sack of dirty clothes. But (trust me) this bounty will surely grow.

This proposal is far from perfect, but I feel it fair and reasonable to all parties. But, I am not averse to more negotiations. Most importantly, I want this issue settled. Soon.

Ladies and gentleman of the office of parking services, we must come to a resolution. My graduation date looms, and I'll not have these "citations" sully my good name.

Illegally parked forever,
Chad Roberts



Cheerleaders: All they need is a little RESPECT

Dear Aggie family,

In response to a continuing failure to recognize my friends for their accomplishments, I thought that I would take the opportunity to introduce them to you. The events leading up to my decision to write this include a ceremony where all the school's student athletes were formally introduced and recognized for their hard work and academic achievement. There is also the general attitude that these friends of mine are not really athletes and that what they do is nothing special or spectacular.

Well, with no disrespect to the administration or the athletic department, I'd like to introduce you to my friends who, along with the Blue and Gold Marching Machine, truly represent what Aggie Pride really means.

There are 30 of them, so I can't tell you everything but I would like to share a little info about them. 21 of them are maintaining a 3.0 GPA or higher. As far as majors go, there are future engineers, nurses, accountants, medical researchers, teachers, architects, journalists, lawyers, doctors, and politicians. There are those going into the fashion industry. There are four engineers, and three future nurses.

I have had the opportunity to see them practice. Man, do they work hard. Their work ethic is top-notch, being led by two very competent coaches. One of these coaches was in her last trimester of pregnancy

at the beginning of this season and had a beautiful child just a few weeks ago. Both of these coaches have families and other obligations, but they are truly dedicated to producing not only champions but outstanding citizens. These friends of mine come from many different backgrounds but come together as a single unit and strive to be the best they can be.

I just wanted to tell you a little about some friends of mine. They just happen to be the 2005 MEAC Champions, and they are invited to the National Championships this year—Our North Carolina A&T State University Cheerleaders!!!

Aggie Pride,
Jim Perry

PS: If you stayed past halftime at our last home football game, you were able to witness how they do in competition. Bethune-Cookman's squad had the nerve to challenge our squad to a face-off. To see 30 elegant ladies of class and beauty to perform flawlessly as one unit, even Bethune-Cookman's girls had to give our Aggies their props. How about supporting our cheerleading squad as they continue to strive towards excellence in representing our school and as they return for their third straight MEAC conference title and first trip to the Nationals.

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Thank you America

Dear America,

I would like to take this time to personally thank you for making it acceptable to discriminate again.

THANK YOU!

This time, the discrimination is not as blatant, but it still strikes the racism chord. In case you missed the memo, I am talking about names. More specifically, I am talking about what some people refer to as "black names."

But, I have a few questions to ask you, America, before I give you your props.

First, what exactly is a black name? Second, what qualifications do you have to fulfill to have a black name? And third, why is a person's character demeaned for

having a so-called black name?

Yes. Names do give you a clue as to what race a person is, but when did it become okay to dismiss a person for not blending into a world that is bland and boring.

Excuse me for not having the same name as 10 million other people in America. I happen to enjoy being the one and only me. I like that when my name is called, no one turns around but me.

Can Kimberly's or James's say the same thing? No. How many people will remember them? None. How many can go by first name only and be recognized? None. They will never enjoy the luxury that I have been afforded.

But with every luxury comes a

problem.

I can't seem to fathom why you, America, must look at me with strange faces or give me sad 'oohs' when I introduce myself.

A creative name is not synonymous with being stupid or ghetto. Those who know me, know that I am indeed a bright individual.

The problem comes when someone who doesn't know me, automatically assumes the opposite because of my name.

I am begging you, America, to stop judging me. Let me be me. Look at me for who I am; not what my name is.

Thanking you in advance,
Stancheka Joy Boone
"black name" holder

Offense stalls against FAMU; losing streak at four

Rattlers win 24-14, too many lost opportunities to score for Aggies

By DARRICK IGNASIAK
Reporter

Big plays and big numbers can do a lot for a team in most cases lead to victory.

Unfortunately for the Aggies, their quarterback's record breaking performance wasn't enough for the win.

Florida A&M's running back Rashard Pompey made history on Saturday, in which he pulled off the second all-time single-game rushing performance in FAMU history. Pompey rushed for 265 yards on 30 carries en route of defeating the Aggies 24-14 in Tallahassee, Fla.

Aggie quarterback Marshall Glenn stamped his name in the record books with an impressive passing game that gave his team chances to score. Glenn passed for 342 yards on 21 completions.

This goes down third all-time in Aggie history in passing yards.

In front of 10,203 fans at Bragg Stadium in Tallahassee, Fla. the Rattlers won the toss and elected to receive. On the Rattlers (5-4, 4-2 in MEAC) tenth play of the drive, Aggie line-backer Montray Jackson sacked FAMU quarterback Albert Chester for a loss of ten yards. Jackson's big play forced the Rattlers to punt.

The Aggies (3-7, 2-5) were able to get three first downs on their first possession, but were forced to punt. On the Aggie 48 yard line, Dominique Brown attempted to punt the ball. The punt was blocked and FAMU took over at the A&T 24 yard line.

The Aggie defense came up big and forced the Rattlers to kick on fourth down. The kick

went wide left, and the momentum started to go in the A&T direction.

Aggie quarterback Marshall Glenn tried to mount a drive that would put his team in position to score. On A&T's third play of the possession, Glenn hooked up with Douglas Brown for a 31-yard pass to the FAMU 34 yard line.

Six plays later, A&T found themselves five yards from scoring first in the contest. Aggie kicker Joseph Arroyo's 31-yard field goal attempt was blocked.

"It would have been nice to score when we had those chances to score," A&T head coach George Small said. "We would get down there and it would be the little things to prevent us from getting in whether it was missing an open receiver or missing a field goal."

FAMU was the first to get on the board with a 34-yard field goal from kicker Wesley Taylor. With 10:18 left in the third quarter A&T was in position to tie the game at three. Only ten yards out, A&T elected to attempt another field goal. Arroyo missed the field goal, a 27-yard attempt

failed once again and that went wide left.

After the missed field goal, FAMU capitalized on this on their seventh play of the ensuing drive. On second-and-six, the Rattlers handed the ball to Pompey. At the A&T 21 yard line, Pompey put the Aggies in a deficit of ten points.

In the third quarter, the Rattlers chose to give quarterback Josh Driscoll some snaps. Driscoll took advantage of this and threw a 80-yard pass to wide receiver Roosevelt Kiser on the second play of the drive. Pompey scored once again in a drive that consisted of three plays for 66 yards. Pompey's touchdown was a 44 yard run.

After being shutout for three quarters, the Aggies started a drive on their 35. Glenn showed his passing skills, hooking up with Michael Ferguson on two consecutive plays, passing for 23 and 16 yards. This placed the Aggies to the FAMU 10. Glenn would help his own cause when he ran the ball in for a 1-yard touchdown; the ensuing two-point conversion failed.

A&T's defense once again

gave the offense a chance forcing the Rattlers to attempt a 41-yard field goal. The kick went wide left giving A&T the ball at their own 24.

Aggie running back Quante Speight put A&T on the board once again on a 8-yard run with .46 seconds left in the game. The drive consisted of eight plays for 76 yards. The score was capped by a successful two-point conversion. Glenn found wide receiver Brandon Trusty open in the end zone. Trusty had nine receptions for 113 yards.

A&T had numerous chances in the red zone throughout the game, but couldn't convert.

"We moved the ball and we were very confident that we could score at will against this team, but for some reason when we got (the ball) down there, we couldn't get into the end zone," Trusty said.

Although A&T put up 37 more offensive yards than FAMU, Pompey found the holes through the Aggie defense for a stellar individual performance.

"I felt we had a few breakdowns on defense as well," Small said.

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Leading the defensive effort for the Aggies was Marques Ruffin, with 10 tackles. Chamar Milton recorded 11 tackles and Jackson tacked had nine tackles. Glenn handed the ball to running back Brandon Sweeney 17 times for 104 yards. This gives Sweeney a total of 680 yards on the year.

Trusty wasn't the only receiver to go over 100 yards. Ferguson had seven receptions for 106 yards and Brown had four receptions for 116 yards. The next time the Aggies will take the field, will be against South Carolina State on November 19 in the Rivalry Classic. The game will take place in Charlotte.

Jackson State football coach fired

By KENDRICK MARSHALL
Black College Wire

Jackson State University football fan Curtis Burroughs waited nearly three years for his beloved alma mater to make changes in the football program.

The 20-year Tiger fan had to wait less than 15 minutes to witness a change in the coaching ranks.

At an Oct. 31 press conference, Athletic Director Roy Culberson announced the firing of head coach James Bell, effective immediately.

"It's been long overdue," Burroughs said. "Now, hopefully this program will be able to turn it around."

During Bell's time as head coach and defensive coordinator, the Tigers posted a 8-23 record and were a disappointing 2-9 at home.

Bell was hired in December 2002 to replace Robert Hughes, who was fired after three consecutive 7-4 seasons.

Prior to arriving at Jackson State, Bell had 20 years' experience as a college assistant, but his only head coaching stint was at Chavez High School in Houston, where the team posted a

1-9 record.

"It's been long overdue," Burroughs said. "Now, hopefully this program will be able to turn it around."

Even though the team had made improvements in the classroom, ultimately it was the lack of improvement on the field that mattered most to the athletic department and fans.

"While Bell has made significant improvements in the overall football program during the past 2 1/2 years, we believe that this decision is in the best interest of Jackson State, its fans and alumni," Culberson said.

Bell was in the final year of a three-year contract that will pay him \$85,000 per season through Dec. 31.

Quarterbacks coach Daryl Jones is to serve as interim head coach for the Tigers' final three games of the season.

A major factor in the

decision on Bell's status was the plummeting attendance at home games, where Jackson State had led all of Division I-AA for several years.

"It was a tough decision," Culberson said. "It was not about W's and L's, it was about the lack of attendance and the lack of support from the community that played a major role in this decision."

Culberson said not only did the constant losses affect the fans and players, but they were damaging a once-proud football tradition.

The announced attendance for the Oct. 29 game against the University of Arkansas Pine-Bluff was only 2,831, compared with an attendance of 25,600 at the same game in 2001.

In the season before Bell was hired, Jackson State's average attendance at home games was 20,970.

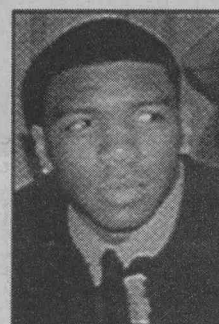
"It's been very boring around here," Ralph Johnson, a Jackson State ticket office employee, said. "It is hard when you can't even sell 500 tickets to a home game."

Kendrick Marshall, a student at Jackson State University, is editor of the Blue & White Flash.

Where did we go wrong?

Fall athletics... maybe winter and spring will be more successful

COMMENTARY BY
MICHAEL V. STANLEY
Sports Editor



I would like to hope that every student at A&T has a sense of Aggie Pride running through their veins.

With that said, I admit to taking a stand-off approach to the criticism of Aggie athletics this fall. I wanted to sit back and watch how the teams would perform and compete while representing the university. My intent is not to scrutinize anyone, but merely to express my views on how things occurred so far this season.

No surprise to some, I would like to start by commenting on the football team. I can honestly say that I can see the effort out there on the field from the players and the coaches; they leave it on the field when it's all said and done. Ultimately, a team's efforts do not always result in victories, and in our case that has been the story all season.

When analyzing the Aggies' season so far, I wonder if the

problem can rightfully be identified. In all actuality, we went from MEAC champs to the joke of the conference in just two seasons... yeah we lost some players, but we still have some quality athletes who want to win.

Maybe it's just me, but I talk to people around campus - more importantly, I talk to players casually from time to time. When I ask a player if they are ready for whomever the opponent is in the upcoming game, they reply reluctantly, almost unsure or not confident of the team's chances of winning.

That's just not good enough. Where is the enthusiasm, the fire, the competitive spirit that is later carried onto the field?

Teams have been coming to our house all season as if it were theirs: we lost twice on ESPNU to Hampton University and Bethune-Cookman College. Just a quick stat, the scoring margin is 108-44 in the opposing teams' favor.

At the end of the season we are (3-7, 2-5 MEAC) with wins over Norfolk State University 16-14, Tennessee State University 16-3 and Morgan State University 40-33 in overtime. I referred to those games simply because we barely got by these teams and Morgan State almost took the game away from us after a comfortable 25-0 Aggie lead in the first quarter.

Needless to say, some change

es must be made some way, some how. The success of each athletic program is important to not only the coaches, players and supporting staff; it also affects and reflects on the image of the whole student body, especially those whom follow the teams religiously.

When I indicate the need for change, I'm sure there are actions in place to make things better in the future; that's just the trust I have that ultimately we will have a better team next year.

The Aggies have a week off and one more game left against South Carolina State in the Rivalry Classic in Charlotte on Nov. 19 at 2p.m.

Volleyball team has made strides

The volleyball team has been fairly successful this season after a rough start. The Lady Aggies (18-16, 10-1 MEAC) are second in the MEAC to FAMU, who is currently undefeated.

They made up for a loss to Gardner-Webb earlier in the season with a 3-0 win (36-34, 30-13, 32-30) also defeating Providence in straight sets (30-20, 30-21, 30-24) and a loss to Lenoir-Rhyne (30-28, 30-23, 30-24) in Boiling Springs, N.C. on Nov. 4-5.

They are likely to be favored to challenge FAMU in the MEAC championship game.

The Lady Aggies will face Savannah State in a non-conference bout at Corbett Sports Center on Nov. 11.

Basketball team shooting for improvement

By JAMAR DAVIS
Contributor

Even though you cannot tell by the weather, it's November, which means it's the beginning of basketball season for the Aggies.

Head coach Jerry Eaves commented on his expectations for the team this season. He will have to regroup after losing Sean Booker, the team's leading scorer and last year's MEAC scoring champ, is ineligible for the 2005-06 season.

Eaves has decided that senior guards Michael Hayes and Greg Roberts will be two of the four captains to lead the team.

"They have done a great job in leading and work ethic, and both have a tremendous attitude," Eaves said.

New faces have come onto the team in the forms of walk-on Angelo Hernandez and recruits Austin Ewing and James Porter. There could also be four or five new faces on the team before the season begins.

This year's schedule seems to be tough for the Aggies, who will be playing against some stiff competition outside the MEAC. Some of the non-conference opponents include Miami, Cincinnati, Hawaii, Southern California, and Vir-

ginia Tech.

"This year's schedule is tougher because there will be some games where there will be dead legs, and have to be more prepared mentally than physically," Eaves said.



Submitted photo
Eaves enters his third season as head coach for the Aggies.

According to Eaves, the games were accepted against teams of higher caliber to bring more guaranteed money into the program and to better prepare the team for conference games.

"They'll benefit from travel and see a higher level of basketball where they will want to compete once coming back to conference games," he said.

During the offseason Eaves and his coaching staff set out to

add more size simply because the Aggies were the smallest team in the conference. He recruited 6'9 freshman center James Porter from Raleigh, and redshirt freshmen Chad Webster, 6'10 from Durham, and Omari Williams, 6'8 from Orlando, Fla. The Aggies also recruited a sizable point guard in Christopher Faison, a 6'4 freshman from Durham, and acquired a shooter by picking up Austin Ewing, a 5'11 point guard from Atlanta, Ga.

"This year's team has more talent and ability than last year's team and I feel this year's team will be better than last year's," Eaves said.

Eaves went on to say that there is no decision on who is likely to start, even though he feels the team as a whole is full of standout players.

"Continue growing and improving, to move up between the third to fifth spot in the MEAC, win eight to 11 conference games and mature as a team because of the amount of youth on the team," Eaves said in regard to the Aggies overall goals for the season.

The first home game for the Aggies will be played against Radford University in Corbett Sports Center at 7:30 on Nov. 30.

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